

JESSICA DREW BROUGHT THIS SKRULL TO ME, THE NEW AVENGERS FOUND IT IN JAPAN.

THAT'S TRUE, I WAS THERE.

AND YOU WEREN'T GOING TO BRING IT TO ME?

NO ONE IN MY GROUP TRUSTS YOU. THEY ALL THINK YOU MIGHT BE A SKRULL, GIVEN YOUR RECENT BEHAVIOR.

WHAT IS IT WEARING?



IT WAS POSING AS ELEKTRA.

NATCHOS, DAREDEVIL'S EX-GIRLFRIEND, KINGPIN'S EX-RIGHT HAND.

ELEKTRA?



SHE--IT WAS RUNNING THE HAND AND QUIETLY WRESTING CONTROL OF THE JAPANESE UNDERWORLD.

ELEKTRA WAS A SKRULL. FOR HOW LONG?

I DON'T KNOW.

WHERE'S THE REAL ELEKTRA?



DEAD. GONE. I BELIEVE ME, I HAVE LOOKED. I PUT THE ENTIRETY OF S.H.I.E.L.D. BEHIND IT. SHE IS NOT TO BE FOUND.

I BROUGHT THIS TO YOU BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE AT WAR--

WAR?

AND I THINK IT'S OUR FAULT.



AND THIS IS OUR FAULT HOW?



YOU KNOW  
WHAT WE DID.



NO.

WE  
ENTERED THEIR  
HOMELAND.

NO.

WE  
DESTROYED  
THEIR--

NO, THEY  
STARTED  
IT.

OH, WELL,  
THEN...

THEY  
DID.

WHAT IRON MAN WANTS TO  
SAY--WHAT I AM SURE JESSICA  
DREW TOLD YOU--IS THAT THIS  
ELEKTRA SKRULL WAS UNDETECTABLE  
BY WOLVERINE'S MUTANT POWER, MY  
MAGIC, OR SPIDER-MAN'S SENSES.



WELL, THAT'S  
FASCINATING.  
WE'LL HAVE  
TO CUT IT OPEN  
AND START AN  
AUTOPSY.

YES, YES.  
WE HAVE TO  
FIND A WAY TO  
DETECT THEM.

SO ONE  
SKRULL IN ALL THE  
WORLD DRESSES UP  
LIKE A WOMAN AND  
WE'RE AT WAR?

YES.

THAT'S  
QUITE A  
LEAP.



ONE SKRULL THAT  
WE'VE FOUND.

ONE  
SKRULL AND  
YOU ASSURE--

THAT WE'VE  
FOUND.

AFTER WHAT WE  
DID? I AM GOING  
TO ASSUME THE  
VERY WORST, YES.



UNLESS IT'S JUST ONE  
WORKING ON ITS OWN,  
STRANDED HERE, TRYING  
TO MAKE THE BEST  
OF IT.

THINK ABOUT--  
THINK ABOUT  
THE YEAR  
WE'VE HAD.

THE AVENGERS  
DESTROYED. WE'RE  
FIGHTING EACH OTHER.  
THE MUTANTS ARE ALL  
BUT GONE, ATLANTIS--

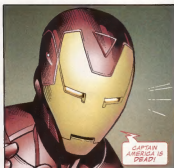
NICK FURY  
IS OUT.



AND CAPTAIN  
AMERICA  
IS DEAD.  
THINK OF  
ALL THAT--

...AND YOU TELL ME  
IT DOESN'T FEEL  
LIKE WE'RE BEING  
WORKED OVER?  
MANIPULATED  
FROM WITHIN?





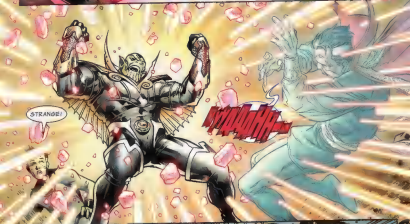


THIS WORLD  
HAS BEEN TAKEN  
FROM YOU.  
AS IT WAS  
HIDDEN, IT IS  
NOW DONE.



















BECAUSE, LIKE I  
TOLD YOU THE DAY WE  
FIRST GATHERED...

...TO THEM, WE  
ARE THE PROTECTORS  
OF THE WORLD.

AREA SECURE.  
NO ALIEN LIFE FORMS  
IDENTIFIED.

WE ARE THE  
KINGS. WE ARE  
THE LEADERS.



WHEN THEY  
CAPTURED US  
YEARS AGO... IT SEEMS  
THAT THEY TOOK FROM  
US WHAT THEY NEEDED  
TO STRIKE AT US  
AGAIN.



WELL, WE  
BETTER START  
GATHERING WHAT  
WE NEED.

WE HAVE A  
DAY AT BEST.

WE ARE AT  
WAR AND WE HAVE  
MAYBE ALREADY  
LOST THAT WAR.



I DON'T  
TRUST ANY  
OF YOU!



HE'S  
RIGHT.

WE'D BE KIDDING  
EACH OTHER TO  
EVEN CONTINUE THIS  
CONVERSATION.

WHO  
CAN WE  
TRUST?





THE END

THE SHRILL THREAT CONTINUES IN 'SECRET INVASION'